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SUBJECT: MINISTER LEBER'S APPROACH TO TOPICS FOR
DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

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1. DEFENSE MINISTER LEBER'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT
STUETZLE HAS TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ABOUT
MINISTER LEBER'S APPROACH TO TWO SUBJECTS THE MINISTER
WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER DURING
THEIR SUNDAY MEETING:

A. MBFR

THE MINISTER WISHES TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
REVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE
MBFR NEGOTIATION. HE WISHES TO FOCUS ON THE FUNDA-
MENTALS OF THE ISSUE AS WELL AS ON OPTION III, IN ORDER
THAT THE PRINCIPALS MAY HAVE A CLEAR AND COMPLETE UNDER-
STANDING OF EACH OTHER'S APPROACH.

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B. STANDARDIZATION

THE MINISTER BELIEVES THAT WE NOW ALL AGREE THAT STANDARDIZATION IS A GOOD THING. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES WE NEED NOW TO GET INTO THE DETAILS OF HOW NATO STANDARDIZATION WOULD WORK IN PRACTICE. STUETZLE SAID THAT THE GERMANS SEE TWO PARTICULAR ASPECTS TO THIS ISSUE: THE FIRST IS THE US-EUROPEAN ASPECT, IN WHICH THERE HAS BEEN A SOMEWHAT ONE-SIDED RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE THE AMERICANS HAVE SOLD MORE THAN THEY HAVE BOUGHT. THIS IS UNDERSTOOD BUT SHOULD BE REVIEWED. THE SECOND IS THE INTRA-EUROPEAN RELATIONSHIP, WHERE EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL NATIONS HAS A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT APPROACH AND A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR ARMS PRODUCERS. FOR EXAMPLE, STUETZLE SAID, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO ITS ARMS PRODUCERS; THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS CLOSER AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CLOSEST OF ALL. THIS PRESENTS PROBLEMS THAT NEED FIRST TO BE UNDERSTOOD AND THEN TO BE RESOLVED.

2. STUETZLE, COMMENTING ON RECENT GERMAN PRESS ARTICLES REGARDING POSSIBLE GROWTH OF GERMANS ARMS EXPORTS, SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM THE ARMS INDUSTRY OR FROM LABOR TO INCREASE GERMAN WEAPONS EXPORTS, BUT THAT A LOT OF GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE INTERESTED. HE THOUGHT THAT BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT PRESENT USEFUL AVENUES IN THIS DIRECTION.

3. STUETZLE EXPRESSED SOME CURIOSITY ABOUT THE REPORTED AGREEMENT FOR BILATERAL US-BRITISH ARMS SALES THAT HE UNDERSTOOD HAD BEEN SIGNED IN LONDON THIS MORNING BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND DEFENSE SECRETARY MASON. HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD THING IF IT WOULD HELP THE BRITISH ECONOMY. HE MADE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND HIS OTHER REMARKS REGARDING STANDARDIZATION OR WEAPONS SALES.

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